[Mr. M. R. Madhava Variar.]

who are the gainers from the money of the tax-payer owe a duty to the Government and themselves and to the world at large. They should come forward and acknowledge openly that the criticisms are not improper. Co-ordination is required and very sound advice is necessary to enable these Development Departments to carry on the work of nation-building in which the Government of His Highness the Maha Raja are so deeply interested.

MR. R. DHANUKOTI PILLAI (*Conservator of Forests*): Sir, I have not to say much by way of reply beyond what I have been saying. With all his rhetoric, so far as I am concerned, Mr T. K. Velu Pillai has not made out a strong case for the appointment of a separate committee when there is already the Economic Development Board. Probably it may be due to the ignorance of what the Board has been doing in this direction. For the information of the House I may say that some of these problems to which Mr. Velu Pillai was referring we have been discussing in that Board. For instance, we had a thorough discussion with regard to the future working of the Co-operative Department, and the conclusion we arrived at was that the Co-operative Registrar, who just returned after a thorough training outside Travancore, was in a better position than the so-called lay members of the Board.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Nedumangad*): One word of personal explanation. I am dissatisfied with the Board for the reason that the powers conferred by law are not enough.

PRESIDENT: That does not arise now.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Nedumangad*): I have been closely following the work of the Economic Development Board. Most of the members of the Board are my personal friends, and I have been studying the documents they have published.

MR. R. DHANUKOTI PILLAI (*Conservator of Forests*): It is within the purview of the Board to co-opt members whenever any technical help is necessary, and it is perfectly within the right of the Board to discuss things seriously so that they may be recommended to the Government. When there is a Development Board of that kind, I think it is superfluous to go in for another committee, especially when it is considered that by having a committee you will be tying down the hands of the Development Departments for years together to a policy to which the departments may not agree. For these reasons I consider the appointment of a separate committee superfluous and unnecessary.

PRESIDENT: Do you press your motion, Mr. Velu Pillai?

MR T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Nedumangad*): Yes.

The motion was put to the vote and lost, 13 voting *for* and 20 *against*.

The following resolution was not moved and hence it was deemed to have been withdrawn.

Institution of Competitive Examinations.

MR. M. R. MADHAVA VARIAR:

"This Council recommends to the Government that competitive examinations be instituted for recruitment to Government service."

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